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SUBJECT: SLOVENIA SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES REPORT,
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1. SUMMARY. The new FMF Training case was signed in December and all documentation was completed in time to use the case to send nine students to training in January. The ACSA with Slovenia is not in force yet.

2. POLITICAL-MILITARY

A. FMF/FMS BUDGET

1) ODC submitted the FY07-12 FMF and IMET budget request to HQ on 4 Jan. Slovenia does have uncommitted FMF funds remaining but has plans to use the funds; all new requests support NATO Force Goals or combat capability.

2) The MOD requested a new FMF case for \$100,000 to purchase spares for their HMMWVs. The Slovenes want to obtain spare parts for their 30 HMMWVs more quickly than buying through commercial sales. The ODC is discussing with the US Army the advantages and disadvantages of blanket order cases and CLSSA cases to determine which would be best for Slovenia.

3. KEY ISSUES AND SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

A. FMF CASES

1) ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING (S3-D-TAC). There are 36 Slovenian students in elementary classes and 48 in intermediate classes, which continue until June. Twenty-four Slovenian and nine international students from Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, and Macedonia completed an advanced course in December and took listening, speaking, reading, & writing exams based on STANAG 6001 criteria. The two teachers who were here TDY from DLIELC departed on 17 December. ODC sent a request for two TDY instructors to arrive in January and February 2005 but we may only be able to get one instructor. The LTD chief attended a STANAG 6001 testing conference, sponsored by the British Council, in Czech Republic; the TDY was paid by the Marshall Center. An amendment for \$650,194 for this case was signed in July 2004.

2) BLANKET TRAINING (S3-B-OAC) The MOD requested a Blanket Training FMF case for \$100,000. We appreciate the tremendous help and extra work from DSCA in pushing this case thru the system as a priority. The case was signed in Dec 04 and all documentation was completed in time to use the case to send nine students to class in January. The approval process for courses funded under the training case will be the same as courses funded under IMET.

3) DRILL INSTRUCTOR (S3-B-OAB). The drill instructor, Sgt Garfield Lyons, arrived on 3 Jan and will be working at the Vipava Training Center. Sgt Lyons will observe Slovenia's basic training and suggest improvements. Improving basic training is a high priority for the Slovenes and they appreciate the US Army providing an NCO to help in this effort.

4) DEFENSE PLANNING SYSTEM (S3-B-UAS) LOA for the Defense Planning System was signed 24 Nov 04 for \$111,126. This case was originally requested before FMF funds were frozen in 2003. An additional class on Defense Planning will be added to the case at a later date. CCMR, while in Slovenia for an MTT, discussed training for this case with the Slovenes and have provided ODC an outline of a course designed to meet Slovenia's needs.

5) P&A DATA FOR NBC DETECTION HMMWV (S3-B-PBB). The Army established a planning case for developing P&A data for a HMMWV outfitted as an NBC detection vehicle. P&A data are expected to be available soon. POTUS set aside \$1M of Slovenia's FY04 FMF funds for NBC detection equipment and the set-aside could be used for an NBC HMMWV.

B. FMS.

ASOC (S3-D-QAA). The Slovene MOD requested that the

Air Sovereignty Operations Center (ASOC) case be amended to include an additional 36 months of

modernization and sustainment support. The official letter of request was sent on 2 Sep 04. The amendment is expected to cost \$1,650,000 (\$550,000 per year for three years). The Slovenes recently requested that this case be funded with FMF funds instead of national funds.

1C. DCS/CONTRACTOR.

GPS. The Slovenes have asked for an official explanation of the US approval process to obtain P-codes. ODC sent a message to EUCOM requesting an explanation of the process and received an email response from the J6 action officer but no official response yet. The Slovene Director of Defense Policy is now working the GPS issue too.

1D. IMET.

1) Four students were processed for training; one for December training and three for January. Due to late receipt of the fund cite from SATFA we had to postpone for several days the departure of a student to the Infantry Captain Career Course (WCN 1145).

2) The Center for Civil-Military Relations (CCMR) at the Naval Postgraduate School and the Personnel Recruiting Department of the General Staff of the Slovene Armed Forces hosted a workshop (14-16 December) on "the Recruitment Process in Professional NATO Armed Forces." The workshop proved essential to the Slovene recruiting officials in the light of the recent Professionalization of the Slovenian Armed Forces. It provided case studies of NATO nations' recruitment process and experiences, as well as some key best practices ascertained from academic study. The attendees were 12 NCOs and one officer in charge of recruiting of enlisted personnel in regional offices all over Slovenia. The ODC has received very positive feedback from the participants of the workshop and supports the follow-up event that will take place in February 2005. ODC commends CCMR on selecting a faculty team that provided insight on several, rather than a single, NATO nation's recruiting process. Especially invaluable for the Slovene recruiters proved to be the knowledge and experiences shared by CW04 Jacob Klootwijk.

3) Three ECL tests were administered to 17 students in December, all candidates for various FY05 IMET courses and FMF S3-B-OAC case (IBOS seminar).

1E. MARSHALL CENTER.

1) Slovenia nominated two participants for the "Program in Advanced Security Studies." Both participants are from the Slovene police.

2) Despite the fact that Slovenia was not invited to nominate a candidate for "Program on Terrorism and Security Studies," the Faculty of Social Sciences expressed an interest in sending one of its staff to the course. The justification included a statement that this course would be of great assistance to the faculty in developing a class on terrorism and the means to fight it. The request was approved.

1F. JCTP/SPP.

1) The BAO attended a meeting with the Ambassador to receive the new Minister of Defense, Karl Erjavec on 21 Dec. The new Minister has no personal military experience; he was previously involved in human rights and the justice system. Also in attendance from the Slovene government was the Director of Defense Policy and the head of the minister's office.

2) The BAO is writing a memorandum to the Slovene General Staff requesting clarification for the approval process for bilateral affairs events. The Slovene Armed Forces recently changed their procedures and there is confusion, both internally and externally, about their procedures.

3) The BAO will meet with the Slovene J-7 on 12 Jan 05

to continue developing concepts for FY2006 events. Five events are being targeted toward enhancing the NATO Force Goals of: NBC Recon/Decon, Intel Battalion, and Aviation deployability.

5) The BAO conducted a Video Teleconference with Colorado SPPC to verify that the system works and can be used for further coordination and possible "mini-events". Video Teleconferencing with EUCOM is a little more complicated since all VTC connections are secure. However, it was discovered that these VTCs can easily be modified to perform in an unclassified mode.

6) The BAO is still waiting for confirmation regarding the Small Unit Event exercise approval from ECRA.

14. PERSONNEL/RESOURCES/LOGISTICS

1A. PERSONNEL:

- 1) PERSPECTIVE GAINS: None
- 2) PERSPECTIVE LOSSES: None
- 3) ATTACHED PERSONNEL:
 - Mary Jo Villalobos, Language Center Coordinator
 - Kristin Pedroja, English Test Developer, one year
 - Kathy Lance, English Teacher, one year
 - John Stephens, English Teacher, one year
 - Helen Prevost, English Teacher, one year
 - Terry Jenkins, arrives 14 Jan 05 for 90-day TDY
 - Sgt Garfield Lyons, S3-B-OAB, TDY NTE 90-days, arrived 3 Jan 05
- 4) ODC CHIEF APPROVED TDY/LEAVE:
 - MAJ Fredericksen, LV 3-7 Jan 05
 - Mary Jo Villalobos, LV 3-4 Jan 05
- 5) RATING SCHEME CHANGES: None
- 6) EXTENSIONS/CURTAILMENTS: None

1B. RESOURCES. Vehicles and ADP equipment are 100% operational. The office AFN dish was struck by lightning and was sent back to EUCOM (SFC Crouse) for disposition.

1C. ICASS. No issues.

1D. LOGISTICS.

1) The BAO Driver's Non-Personal Services contract was determined to be an illegal contract by the Embassy. EUCOM is currently working with the Embassy to draft a new Personal Services contract to replace the current one. The NPS contract does not provide the protection for FSN's employed by the Embassy which is based upon a Memorandum of Agreement between the DoS and DoD dated July 2004. Slovenia is being used as a test bed for the new contract since contracts in other countries may face the same challenge.

2) The BAO office is waiting for approval to proctor the EUCOM Driver's exam for individuals that need to drive the BAO vehicle.

15. CHIEF/BAO COMMENTS:

- The LTD Chief, Mary Jo Villalobos, received the Bronze Medal from the Slovene military at a ceremony in honor of her outstanding work managing the English Language School. The Slovenes are expected to assume management of the school this year and Ms Villalobos is scheduled to leave Slovenia this summer.

- BAO comment: The new Defense Minister announced several changes to the military leadership. Capt (N) Renato Petric was appointed Commander of Force Command in Vrhnika; previous Commander, Brig Bojan Suligoj, will be Assistant of the Chief of GS SAF for International Cooperation. Brig Jozef Zunkovic, previous Chief of Operation Staff in GS SAF, was appointed Commander of Command for Doctrine, Development, Education and Training (equivalent to US TRADOC). Brig Janez Kavar will be Assistant of the Chief of GS SAF. Col Dragan Bavcar was appointed Chief of Operation Staff in GS SAF.

- The ODC received a request to obtain operational costs for the Stryker Brigade Combat Teams from the

Slovenes. The BAO is currently working on obtaining these figures and understanding why the Slovenes want this information.

- ODC asked the MOD for a letter requesting the ACSA begin, as is required by the ACSA. Slovenia has not signed the letter since they may want to make changes to the Slovene version of the document. ODC recommended that Slovenia provide the letter and, at a later date, change the wording of the document if desired.

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